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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O.11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: MARCH PREPARATORY MEETING:
POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS

REF: LONDON 3957

1. HEAP JUST CALLED TO TELL US THAT DURING DISCUSSION
EARLIER IN WEEK ON QUESTION OF POLISH CONSULTATIVE STATUS,
CHILEAN REP HAD SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS VERY IRRITA-
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TED WITH POLES BECAUSE CHILE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY OF THE
DIPLOMATIC NOTES CIRCULATED BY THE POLISH GOVERNMENT. HE
SAID EVEN THOUGH THE TWO COUNTRIES DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS, THERE ARE PLENTY OF CHANNELS, SUCH AS THE UN,
THROUGH WHICH POLAND COULD HAVE CORRESPONDED. HEAP.
FEARING THIS IRRITATION COULD LEAD TO PROBLEMS DURING
DISCUSSION OF POLISH ACCESSION TO CONSULTATIVE STATUS.

DECIDED TO ASK UK EMBASSY WARSAW TO RAISE ISSUE WITH
POLISH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. UK EMBASSY WARSAW REPLIED THAT LUKASIK IS PUZZLED BY
CHILEAN IRRITATION. HE SAID THAT POLISH DELEGATION TOOK
PARTICULAR PAINS AT SCAR/MENDOSA MEETING TO FULLY BRIEF
CHILEAN REPS ON POLISH ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTARCTIC. HE
SAID THAT IN ADDITION HIS MINISTRY REGULARLY ASKED THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO PASS DETAILS OF POLISH NOTES.
ETC., TO CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE SAID THAT HE "RE-
GRETTED IF THIS MEDIUM HAD NOT WORKED PROPERLY" AND ADDED
THAT PERHAPS HE SHOULD USE THE FCO IN THE FUTURE.

3. HEAP WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO ASSURE US THAT IT HAD
NOT BEEN HIS INTENTION IN RAISING MATTER TO EMBARRASS
THE DEPARTMENT. WHILE NOT NAIVE ENOUGH TO THINK HE HAS
FULL PICTURE FROM EITHER LUKASIK OR CHILEAN REP, HE DOES
WONDER WHAT THE ACTUAL SITUATION IS AND IF THE POLES HAVE
EVER ASKED US TO ACT AS A GO-BETWEEN. NOW THAT HE HAS
"TURNED OVER THIS PARTICULAR ROCK," HE FEARS THAT LUKASIK
OR CHILE WILL GET ON TO US IN THE PREPARATORY MEETING.
PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF POLES ASKED U.S. TO ACT AS GO-
BETWEEN WITH CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA. HEAP WOULD ALSO
APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON TACK
TO TAKE WITH CHILEANS.

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